

**NEPA Forecast Report**  
**April 12, 2017**

**APPROACHING DEADLINES (NEXT 2 WEEKS)**

**Nothing to Report**

**MONITORING (Projects Either Meet or Potentially Meet Elevation Criteria)**

**1. Potential and Prior Adverse Ratings on Draft EISs:**

**Unrelated/Unresponsive**

**R9/Forest Service (USFS)/Record of Decision/ Rosemont Mine/Potential Referral of Adverse Rating:**

- **Background:** The EIS evaluates a proposed new, 4,800 acre open-pit copper and molybdenum mine to be constructed mostly on USFS National Forest Land southwest of Tucson.
- **EPA Involvement:** EPA rated the Draft EIS as "EU-3" (Environmentally Unsatisfactory – Inadequate Information) due to concerns regarding degradation of aquatic habitat, significant air quality impacts, and impacts to tribal and cultural resources, biological resources, and human health. Upon review of the Final EIS, EPA determined that the issues underlying its "EU" rating had not been resolved, and notified

## **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

- **Status:** A stakeholders meeting requested by the Corps will be held on 4/18/17 in Phoenix to discuss mitigation. The Corps Division is in the process of reviewing the District determination of December 2016, and its intent to not authorize a 404 permit for the current proposal. The key factors are based on determinations that the proposed Rosemont Mine will cause or contribute to violations of state water quality standards, significant degradation of waters of the US. In addition, the USFS notified EPA by phone on April 6<sup>th</sup> that they will proceed to issue their ROD in 30 days, thereby setting a new referral deadline for EPA.

## **Unrelated/Unresponsive**

**2. FEIS Letters that Characterize Residual Serious Concerns:**

Nothing to Report

**3. Potential Regional Controversy, Significant Media Attention, or Congressional/State Concerns:**

**Unrelated/Unresponsive**

**4. Policy or Precedent Setting Comments:**

Nothing to Report